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1. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY LONDON'S PROMPT REPLY TO REF A CONCERNING OFFER OF US TANK ENGINE TECHNOLOGY. RESPONSE TO INITIAL UK REACTION REPORTED BY REF B IS CORRECT: WE WILL AWAIT LONDON SIGNAL BEFORE ADDRESSING QUESTIONS OF LICENSING COSTS AND THIRD COUNTRY SALES. FOR INTERIM, EMBASSY MAY ASSURE HMG THAT WASHINGTON REALIZES THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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LICENSING FEES AND POTENTIAL MARKETS ARE IMPORTANT CON-

SIDERATIONS TO UK, AND US IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD
WORKING OUT MUTUALLY AGREEABLE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. NEITHER BONN NOR LONDON SHOULD BROACH POSSIBILITY OF UK
JOINT UK-US-FRG TANK HARMONIZATION PROGRAM BEFORE WE RECEIVE
AND EVALUATE LONDON'S REPLY ON ENGINE AND UNTIL TANK GUN
ISSUE BECOMES CLEARER,

3. FOR BONN: PLEASE ADVISE MOD OF US INITIATIVE TO UK
ON TANK ENGINE PER REF A PARA 3.

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